



Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

August 2023
No. 1

GENERAL ORDERS
2023 – 2024 Series

August 1, 2023

1. District Meetings/Trainings for July 2023:

- District 4 Aug 5th Post 581-Houston
- District 8 Aug 5th Post 2676-Windthorst
- District 9 Aug 5th Post 1657-Pampa
- District 10 Aug 5th Post 812-El Paso
- District 16 Aug 5th Post 8551-Sweeny
- District 17 Aug 5th Post 9182-Katy
- District 29 Aug 5th Teague Community Center
511 E. Main Street, Teague, Tx

- District 21 Aug 6th Post 10454-Grapevine
- District 28 Aug 6th Post 2010-Cameron
- District 1 Aug 12th-13th Post 4852-Bonham
- District 2 Aug 12th Post 2775-Orange
- District 3 Aug 12th Post 6796-Dallas
- District 6 Aug 12th Post 2932-Aransas Pass
- District 12 Aug 12th Post 5398-Pittsburg
- District 18 Aug 13th Post 2410-Harlingen
- District 5 Aug 19th Post 8315-Schertz
- District 13 Aug 20th Post 688-Boerne
- District 14 Aug 26th Post 9191-Killeen
- District 20 Aug 26th Post 7108-San Antonio

2. Candidates for Department Office 2023-2024:

- State Commander, Robert Martinez, Jr., Post 2059, Kirby, D-20
- State Senior Vice Commander, Dave Walden, Post 10427, Leander, D-28
- State Junior Vice Commander, Benny Guerrero, Jr., Post 2466, Lubbock, D-9
- State Junior Vice Commander, Eddie Terry, Post 10429, Benbrook, D-21
- State Quartermaster, Ben Lowrance, Post 1475, Amarillo, D-9
- State Chaplain, Michael “Foy” Day, Post 4692, Bryan, D-17
- State Judge Advocate Steve Evans, Post 2466, Lubbock, D-9
- State Surgeon, Gerard P. “Jerry” Greene, Post 6796, Dallas, D-3

3. Reminder-Dates for Veteran Project Participation Reports (VPR's):

- **August 31st** - VPR for Operation Iraqi Freedom
- **September 2nd** - VPR for Victory Over Japan (VJ Day)
- **September 11th** - VPR for Patriot Day
- **September 15th** - VPR for POW/MIA Day

4. Deadlines for August & September 2023:

- **August 3rd Deadline**
To receive VPR for Independence Day at Texas VFW HQs
- **August 26th Deadline**
To receive VPR for Korean Armistice at Texas VFW HQs
- **September 1st Deadline**
To Register Post & District Quartermaster Blanket Bond or Bond
- **September 30th Deadline**
To receive VPR for Operation Iraqi Freedom at Texas VFW HQs
- **September 30th Deadline**
For Posts owning property or operating a business enterprise. A Post must submit a copy of their current Certificate of General Liability Insurance and Liquor Liability Insurance Policy if the Post has a Canteen Policy showing Department and National VFW as additional insured to the Department of Texas Headquarters.

5. Department of Texas VFW Headquarters office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day holiday.

6. Congratulations to Reggie L. Williams (Past VFW Texas State Commander Award and Top District Commander Award):

Past District 3 VFW Commander and current VFW Texas Chief of Staff Reggie L. Williams was awarded by all the Past Texas State Commander's for the prestigious honor of being the Top District Commander in the State of Texas. He also was awarded as the Top District Commander in the entire Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and its territories for VFW year 2022–2023.

7. REMINDER: VOICE OF DEMOCRACY (VOD) ENTRIES FOR 2023-2024

- The deadline for student entries for Voice of Democracy (VOD) will be due to the VFW Posts by Tuesday, October 31, 2023.
- The deadline for VFW Posts to select their winning entries and submit the winners to their respective District is Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

- **The 2023-2024 theme for the Voice of Democracy is: “What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?”**
- The VOD entry form can be accessed on the VFW National website:
<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

8. REMINDER: PATRIOT’S PEN ENTRIES FOR 2023-2024

- The deadline for student entries for Patriot’s Pen will be due to the VFW Posts by Tuesday, October 31, 2023.
- The deadline for VFW Posts to select their winning entries and submit the winners to their respective District is Wednesday, November 15, 2023.
- **The 2023-2024 theme for Patriot’s Pen is: “How Are You Inspired by America?”**
- The Patriot’s Pen entry form can be accessed on the VFW National website:
<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

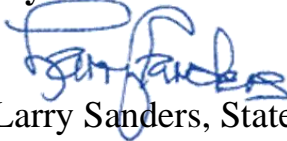
9. REMINDER: TEACHER OF THE YEAR ENTRIES FOR 2023-2024

- The deadline for Teacher of the Year entries will be due to the VFW Posts by Tuesday, October 31, 2023.
- The deadline for VFW Posts to select their winning Teacher of the Year entries and submit the winners to their respective District is Wednesday, November 15, 2023.
- Review the new rules and eligibility requirements for The Teacher of the Year entries. The entry form can be accessed on the VFW National website:
<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/teacher-of-the-year>

10. ANNOUNCEMENT: Effective August 31, 2023, the old Department of Texas VFW website will migrate to the new website located at: <https://txvfw.org/> The old website will not be functional as of September 1, 2023.

11. Closing Comments: As we continue to work to be “Stronger by Being United,” I encourage you to work with your membership because it is the biggest hope for our future. Contact Frank Torres, State Membership Chair, for assistance.

By order of:



Larry Sanders, State Commander

Attested By:



Jorg Kitchen, State Adjutant

